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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAMESE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: STATE 106026

SUMMARY: FRANCE IS ACCEPTING ON TEMPORARY THREE MONTH VISAS SIXTEEN OF TWENTY-SIX OFFICIAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE HERE, INCLUDING CONSUL GENERAL HIEU AND FAMILY. REGARDING REMAINING TEN: THE FOUR MEMBER MINH FAMILY PREPARING DEPART FOR NEW YORK AT OWN EXPENSE; THE FOUR MEMBER CUNG CANH PHUC FAMILY WILL GO TO CANADA; MR. AND MRS. TRAN NGOC PHUC HAVE APPLIED TO U.S. AND CANADA BUT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO NEITHER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THEIR CASE WHICH BASED ON FAMILY TIES, FORMER RESIDENCE AND FINANCIAL ASSETS IN U.S. ON TRAVEL COSTS: WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED THAT A NUMBER OF CONGEN STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS ABROAD. WE FEEL THAT AT LEAST SOME, LIKE MINH, WILL BE ABLE TO FUND THEIR OWN TRAVEL. CONGEN RUPEE HOLDING SHOULD COVER A FEW ADDITIONAL TICKETS. HIEU WILL TELL US MORNING OF MAY JUST HOW MANY TICKETS THESE FUNDS WILL COVER. WE WILL USE U.S. SUPPLIED ICEM FUNDS FOR REST. END SUMMARY.

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1. HIEU INFORMED US MORNING OF MAY 7 THAT FRENCH EMBASSY WILL ISSUE TEMPORARY THREE-MONTH VISAS AFTERNOON OF MAY 7 TO SIXTEEN OUT OF TWENTY-SIX OFFICIAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE HERE. SIXTEEN ARE:

MR. HIEU, WIFE, FOUR CHILDREN;
MR. SAN, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN;
MR. TIN AND SON;
MR. BA;
MR. TUONG;
SERVANTS BIU THI HOP AND TRAN THI THUY

2. HIEU STATED THAT HE MAY PURSUE HIS APPLICATIONS TO CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AFTER ARRIVING IN FRANCE, DEPENDING ON HIS SUCCESS IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE. HE STATED THAT AUSTRALIA HAS ALREADY PROMISED ENTRY TO HIS FAMILY AND ONE OF HIS TWO SERVANTS BUT HE DOUBTS WHETHER HE WILL USE THIS OPTION.

3. HIEU INFORMED EMBASSY THAT OTHER CONGEN STAFF MEMBERS ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GAIN ADMISSION COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. (SEE OUR 5930 FOR APPLICATION REQUESTS AS OF MAY 4). BA AND TUONG, WHO WILL BE GOING TO FRANCE WITH HIEU ON THREE MONTH VISAS, HAVE EXECUTED VISA APPLICATIONS AT THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY. UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE POLGAR HAS CABLED TO GENEVA THE STATUS OF OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE HERE AND THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. RE FOUR MEMBER NGUYEN TA MINH FAMILY: CONSULAR SECTION HAS PREPARED PAROLE DOCUMENT PER STATE 105046. FAMILY WILL GO THROUGH MEDICAL CHECKUP MAY 7. MINH HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF HIS PERSONAL CAR IN DELHI AND \$30,000 PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT IN NEW YORK WILL COVER HIS TRAVEL AND OTHER COSTS IN U.S. MINH'S PLAN TO FLY DIRECT TO NEW YORK WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS.

5. AS MENTIONED OUR 6016 CHUNG CANH PHUC FAMILY DESTINED FOR CANADA. MR. AND MRS. TRAN NGOC PHUC ARE THE ONLY OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ADMISSION ELSEWHERE. THEY HAVE APPLIED TO CANADA AND U. S. CANADIAN CONSUL HERE INFORMS THAT HE HAS YET TO HEAR FROM OTTAWA ON THEIR CASE. HE MENTIONED THAT, UNLIKE CHUNG CANH PHUC FAMILY, TRAN NGOC PHUCS HAVE NO FAMILY TIES IN CANADA. TRANS, HOWEVER, HAVE STUDIED IN U. S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER OF MRS. PHUC (LE NGOC AN AND LE AN TUYET) ARE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO. ONE IN PHD PROGRAM. PHUC HAS TOLD US HE HAS \$5000 IN U. S. BANK. IN VIEW OF PHUC FAMILY TIES, PREVIOUS U. S. RESIDENCE AND FINANCIAL ASSETS IN U. S., EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THEIR REQUEST FOR ENTRY U. S.

6. NOTE ON FINANCING TRAVEL COSTS: SINCE OUR LAST REPORTING

CABLE (NEW DELHI 6016) WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT A NUMBER OF THE OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE HERE, THROUGH PRIVATE BANK ACCOUNTS ABROAD AND THE CONGEN'S REMAINING RUPEE RESOURCES, ARE ABLE TO FINANCE THEIR OWN TICKETS FOR TRAVEL OUT OF INDIA. WE ARE STILL ENDEAVORING TO FIND OUT HOW MANY, BUT WILL KNOW BY MORNING MAY 8. GIVEN THIS RECENTLY ACQUIRED INFORMATION ON ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SOME OFFICIAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE HERE, AND IN VIEW OF VARIANCE BETWEEN DESTINATIONS LISTED IN STATE 106026 AND DESTINATIONS MENTIONED BY HIEU IN PARA ONE, WE ARE ASKING JAL AND PAN AM TO WITHHOLD ISSUING TICKETS UNTIL THEY HEAR FROM US.
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